



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hideto HIDAKA

Serial No.: 10/050,810

Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: January 18, 2002

Examiner: L.D. Pham

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING STABLE
DATA READ AND WRITE OPERATIONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 17, 2002 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 7-12) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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